

Appl. No. 10/015,202

Amdt. dated January 19, 2005

Reply to Office Action of October 19, 2004

REMARKS

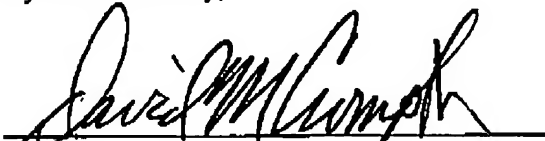
Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed October 19, 2004. In the Office Action, various rejections were stated in paragraph 3 with respect to claims 153, 157-159, and 162-163, all stating that the claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,230,337 to Dahl et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,514,160 to Kroll et al. The Examiner stated in paragraph 4 that claims 150, 154-156, and 164-165 are allowed. After careful review and consideration, Applicants have decided to let the allowed claims issue and reserve the opportunity to further prosecute the other pending claims at a later time. Therefore, and as noted above, claims 153, 157-159, and 162-163 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Because only allowed claims 150, 154-156, and 164-165 remain pending, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Issuance of a notice of allowance in due course is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at 612-677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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